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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Wednesday, 25 February 1953

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Becker, Helms, Colonel White, Messrs.  
Amory and [redacted]

Mr. Dulles:

a. Noted a letter he had received from Westbrook Pegler dated 20 February 1953, requesting certain information, and, after some discussion, it was agreed that the following reply would be made and signed by the A/DCI: "Your letter of February 20, 1953, was received today." (24 February 1953) "The answer to your request is 'no'." Mr. Dulles asked [redacted] to furnish copies of the Pegler letter and the reply thereto to Colonel Grogan in order that a statement for possible release to the Press, if required, could be drawn -- this statement to be coordinated with General Counsel.

b. Noted that Pat Coyne called on him yesterday and stated he (Coyne) had undertaken to brief all of the new Cabinet members and other high Government officials on security. A/DCI went on to say that he had mentioned the "truth" drugs being used by the Soviets and Coyne had expressed interest in this with a view toward including it in his briefing. Mr. Becker undertook to have Colonel Edwards inform Coyne of the information available to CIA on this subject. Mr. Helms referred to an article in a recent issue of TIME concerning the views of a nationally known anesthetist on truth drugs and serums and A/DCI stated he desired to see it. Mr. [redacted] undertook to obtain this article for Mr. Dulles.

c. Referred to a memorandum concerning calls from the Press and stated that (1) calls of this type received by the CIA switchboard would be referred to Colonel Grogan; (2) calls from the Press to individual CIA officers would be put through to the officer concerned; (3) it would not be necessary to publish the above instructions; however, the Chief Telephone Operator would be advised. Colonel White undertook to do this.

d. Stated he had furnished the information on China trade to Senator Knowland, which information had been prepared by Mr. Amory, and noted that he did not wish to make it a practice to provide intelligence to individual members of Congress; however, in this instance Senator Knowland had made his request as a result of the briefing at the White House on 18 February. Mr. Amory said that the information in question was actually unclassified and could have been compiled by any one of the civilian research centers.

e. Noted he had read the progress report for the period 1 July - 31 December 1952, prepared by [redacted] and asked DD/P if any action was required on his (A/DCI's) part. Mr. Wisner indicated there was none and the report had been furnished for information only.

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Mr. Dulles (Continued):

f. Gave to DD/P memoranda from Mr. Kirkpatrick containing his views on CIA public relations and Korean rehabilitation.

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h. Noted a memorandum from Chief/Fl concerning travel of Soviet nationals in the U.S. Mr. Amory stated he had prepared a letter to the Secretary of State for General Smith on this subject, and he believed a reply had been received. [redacted] noted that it had. After some discussion, Mr. Amory undertook to prepare a letter to the Attorney General for A/DCI's signature on this subject.

Mr. Wisner:

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b. Reported that he had discussed with Colonels White and Edwards and [redacted] and Pforzheimer, the Sub-Committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee's request that it be furnished the names and addresses of those individuals brought into the U.S. under "Section 8", in order that this Committee might interrogate these people to determine whether or not they had knowledge of any subversives now residing in the U.S. and possibly operating against the U. S. abroad. DD/P went on to say that a number of our Section 8 people were operational cases and for this reason it had been decided, as a starter, that Pforzheimer offer to a staff member of the Committee that CIA act as the agent in obtaining the information desired, bearing in mind that each such request would be judged on its merits and the security involved. On the non-operational cases there appeared to be no objection to these individuals being approached direct by the Committee. A/DCI concurred in these proposals.

c. Reported that he had discussed [redacted] with Outerbridge Horsey who indicated that: (1) State would not be ready to participate until some time in the fall of this year; (2) the Department should be represented by a high-level team and at the present time they did not have sufficient number of the caliber officers required to spare. Mr. Dulles stated the onus was on State to make the arrangements for this meeting and we would abide by their decision as to timing.

Mr. Becker:

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a. Referred to a memorandum to the A/DCI from Mr. Pforzheimer indicating that: (1) the Senate Investigating Sub-Committee of the Committee

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Mr. Becker (Continued):

on Government Operations, headed by Senator McCarthy, planned to investigate certain aspects of foreign trade. This Sub-Committee proposed to limit this investigation to the China trade and related shipping problems, particularly those involving the Greek shipping cartel; (2) Mr. Kenneth Hansen, Chairman of the EDAC Steering Group, had suggested that in order to prevent committee staff members from individually approaching agencies concerned all requests for material and replies thereto be coordinated through EDAC and his office. DD/I recommended approval of (2) above, and suggested that there be appointed a CIA Committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Amory with representatives from Contacts, FI, Security, and other offices as required to handle this matter within the Agency. A/DCI concurred.



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